

SENATE BILL 660

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2002 Regular Session  
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**ENROLLED BILL**  
-- Judicial Proceedings/Judiciary --

Introduced by **Senators Kittleman and Schrader**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law - Housing Assistance - Fraud**  
3 **Ho. Co. 11-02**

4 FOR the purpose of making it a misdemeanor to knowingly make a ~~misstatement~~  
5 false statement of a material fact for the purpose of influencing a housing agency  
6 regarding certain housing assistance; establishing a certain penalty; defining  
7 certain terms; and generally relating to housing assistance and fraud.

8 BY adding to  
9 Article - Criminal Law  
10 Section 8-523  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of  
13 2002)

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article - Criminal Law**

4 8-523.

5 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
6 INDICATED.

7 (2) "HOUSING AGENCY" MEANS AN AGENCY ESTABLISHED TO  
8 ADMINISTER A HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UNDER ARTICLE 44A OR ARTICLE  
9 83B OF THE CODE.

10 (3) "HOUSING ASSISTANCE" MEANS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AS  
11 DEFINED IN ARTICLE 83B, § 1-101(E) OF THE CODE, OFFERED FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
12 OBTAINING HOUSING BASED ON NEED UNDER A PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY A  
13 HOUSING AGENCY AND FINANCED WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR  
14 LOCAL FUNDS.

15 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY MAKE A ~~MISSTATEMENT~~ FALSE  
16 STATEMENT OF A MATERIAL FACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFLUENCING A HOUSING  
17 AGENCY REGARDING:

18 (1) AN APPLICATION FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE; OR

19 (2) AN ACTION AFFECTING HOUSING ASSISTANCE ALREADY PROVIDED.

20 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR  
21 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR  
22 IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OR BOTH.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2002.